LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (previously presented) A method for controlling the rate of hair growth in a dog, cat, or sheep comprising feeding the dog, cat, or sheep from about 0.5 to about 4.5 mg of selenium per kg of diet on a dry matter basis.

3. (previously presented) A method for at least assisting in preventing or treating poor hair growth or alopecia in animals in need of said treatment comprising feeding the animal from about 0.5 to about 4.5 mg of selenium per kg of diet on a dry matter basis.

4. (original) The method in accordance with claim 3 wherein the animal is a dog, cat, or sheep.

5. (previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 3 wherein the animal is a dog or cat.